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SUBJECT: NEW USN DESTROYER COMTE DE GRASSE

EMBASSY SHOULD SUBMIT NOTE TO FOREIGN OFFICE INDICATING THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HAS SELECTED THE NAME COMTE DE GRASSE FOR A NEW U.S. NAVY DESTROYER TO BE LAUNCHED IN 1976. THE U.S. CONSIDERS THAT NAMING A SHIP TO BE LAUNCHED IN OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR IN HONOR OF ADMIRAL DE GRASSE IS MOST APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE HE PLAYED IN THE DECISIVE EVENTS AT YORKTOWN IN 1781. THE KEEL OF THIS SPRUANCE CLASS DESTROYER WAS LAID AT PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI, ON APRIL 4, 1975. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADVISE THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT REGARDING PLANS FOR THE LAUNCHING AND SUBSEQUENT COMMISSIONING OF THE DESTROYER COMTE DE GRASSE. INGERSOLL

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